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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :  
Hiroto HIGUCHI, et al. : EXAMINER: JOHN L. GOODROW  
SERIAL NO: 09/965,826 :  
FILED: October 1, 2002 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1756  
FOR: TONER, METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE TONER, AND IMAGE  
FORMING METHOD AND APPARATUS USING THE TONER

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 25, 2002, Applicants elect,  
with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-23, drawn to a toner.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

- Group I: Claims 1-23, drawn to a toner;
- Group II: Claims 33-35, drawn to a method of fixing a toner image; and
- Group III: Claims 24-32, drawn to an apparatus and a device utilized in  
developing latent electrostatic images.